

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were examined.

Claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter previously found in claims 2 and 5. Claims 2-5 and claims 9-12 have been cancelled. New claims have been added, based on the original claims and the invention as disclosed and illustrated. No new matter is entered by way of these amendments.

The claims have been amended responsive to the section 112, second paragraph rejection.

Withdrawal of the rejection is solicited.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102, 103

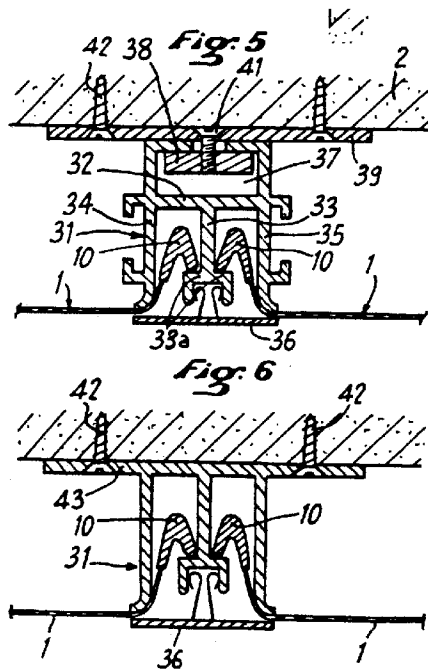
The amendments render the anticipation rejection moot.

Claims 5-7, and 9-10 were rejected as obvious over HOSTEING 5,413,300 in view of SCHERRER 5,029,422.

Claims 8 and 11-15 were rejected as obvious over HOSTEING in view of BONGIO 7,287,733 and SCHERRER.

The present claims are non-obvious. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are solicited.

The Examiner has offered SCHEERER for disclosing the hooking means. Specifically elements 33, 35 are offered as the two parallel vertical flanges. Figures 5-6 of SCHERRER are reproduced below.



SCHEERER, however, actually discloses a hooking means with **three** parallel flanges (33, 34, 35). Further, neither flange 34 or 35 can support tiles, or support tiles and allowing the times to be dismantled without first dismantling the canvas.

Thus, if one of skill were to incorporate the teachings of SCHEERER, there would be used a hooking means with **three** parallel flanges (33, 34, 35). Such a support element would not satisfy the claims.

The prior art does not teach hooking means, as recited, where the downward lengths of the parallel flanges are equal. In SCHEERER the downward lengths are unequal.

The new claims detail the invention more specifically and are also non-obvious.

The combination of applied references would not provide the recited support elements, more specifically, would not provide the recited holding means and holding means.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive and to put the case in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment, and an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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